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Mr. Alden H. Emery,  
Executive Secretary,  
American Chemical Society,  
1155 16th Street, N.W.,  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Emery,

Thank you for sending me the statement of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. In my opinion it makes the situation worse, not better, and I deplore its issuance.

Communism is a disease, and it cannot be stamped out by treating it as a crime, or its advocates as criminals. The alternative to a modus vivendi with the communists is a war of extermination, and the action of the Executive Committee is along the latter path to destruction of civilization as we know it.

All of this, including the Committee's statement, is irrelevant, anyway, as according to my information Mme. Joliot-Curie is not, and has not been, a member of the Communist party.

I ask you, please, to place this letter and our earlier correspondence before the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael Heidelberger